

President's Column

by Diana Buchbinder,
Administrative Vice-president

With David out of town for a few days, and the deadline for submission of the President's column fast approaching, this seemed like a good time for me to bring you up to date on recent staff additions. As the Rabbi Search Committee continues its efforts, the office staff, Lea Salem — Administrator without equal, and Amy Clark — Administrative Assistant, keep body and soul together with insight, wit, and patience.

Most of what the administrative vice president does is behind the scenes having to do with daily synagogue operation and personnel, so it is a rare pleasure to get a chance to introduce you to two exciting new additions to our Sha'ar Zahav family, and to talk a little about a new role for a respected and valued member.

This year has been, and will continue to be, a year of change and growth for our paid staff. This past May, at the Congregational Meeting, the members approved the establishment of a synagogue educator position. This half time position is responsible for the oversight and coordination of all synagogue educational programming: Kadimah, Adult Education and Pre-school. Our former Kadimah principal, Phyllis Mintzer, continues to be a valuable resource to us in a new role, as synagogue head teacher. Phyllis will be in an expanded role beyond her traditional focus on Kadimah, in adult education, Torah study, and teaching the B'nai mitzvah classes. Kadimah, our religious school, has grown enough this school year to require four teachers, with classes meeting Saturday and Sunday, and even needing to use off site space. Program Coordinator Dana Katz, whose wonderful events we enjoyed last year, has moved on to another position, and we have found a new program coordinator.

In addition to efforts of the Rabbi Search Committee this summer, recruitments were also conducted for Synagogue Educator and Program Coordinator. As you might expect, Sha'ar

Zahav has its own unique set of expectations, and has been spoiled by having some pretty special staff over the years. So finding the right people for our positions is never quick or easy. However, I am pleased to introduce you to two of the newest members of our family, and to describe briefly Phyllis' new role:

Tamar Malino — Synagogue Educator — Tamar comes to us as a graduate of Oberlin college with a degree in Judaic and Near Eastern Studies. She attended Pardes Institute, and spent the last year at the Jewish Theological Seminary as a rabbinical student. Tamar has experience in education from a variety of perspectives, as a camp director, a religious school teacher, a counselor, a tutor and as co-president of the Oberlin College Hillel. She is currently taking a leave from her studies and has agreed to join our staff. Her duties will include: acting as liaison to the various education committees and the Children's Education Board; implementing multi-generational educational programming; and serving as the administrator-coordinator of overall synagogue educational events. We are very pleased that Tamar has agreed to join us, and look forward to

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Couples Workshop

A free workshop for interfaith gay and lesbian couples with at least one Jewish partner will be held Sunday, November 17, from 12:30 to 5 pm at CSZ.

It will be facilitated by Karen L. Erlichman, MSS, LCSW and Jana Rickerson, MSW.

Using a combination of group discussion and experiential approaches, couples will have an opportunity to explore various issues in a confidential and supportive atmosphere. Topics for discussion include communication styles, dealing with conflict, holidays and rituals, creating spirituality together, money issues and sexuality.

For more information or to sign up for this workshop, please call the office (861-6932). Group size is limited; please register early.

HHD Sermons

High Holiday Sermons are now available. Please give Amy Clark a call at the office if you would like a sermon mailed to you.



Tashlich, Photo by Michael Bettinger.

October Va'ad Minutes

—by Mark Bowers, Recorder

Monday, October 14

Va'ad officers and members present: Michael Chertok, Ed Lopatin, Jeff Forman, Diana Buchbinder, Sara Haber, Ellie Cohen, David Gellman, Lyssa Friedman, Tiela Chalmers, Mark Bowers. Also present: Lea Salem, Paul Cohen, and Renée Bauer, who was introduced as the new Program Coordinator for the synagogue.

Diana Buchbinder, who conducted this meeting, postponed the majority of the agenda and replaced it with an impromptu field trip to survey the former Comisky Roche Funeral Home, 290 Dolores Street at 16th Street. The space is a possibility for a new permanent home for CSZ.

The Va'ad and several committee members met there to consider the strong and weak points of the potential new home, including size, location, accessibility, structure, transportation, zoning and needed modifications to make the space our own. The building is easily accessible by public transportation. Parking on Dolores Street is variable. Members who now live or who have lived in the neighborhood consider it quite safe. Some issues remain and require professional advice. Clear advantages to the space even as currently configured are a much larger one room with a kitchen, immediately available classroom spaces, ample office space, a larger sanctuary and handicapped-accessible bathrooms. A motion was unanimously passed to budget \$1,500 from the Building Fund for code and permit consultations to survey the seismic, accessibility and structural issues. Further discussion of the building (and a potluck) will take place at the Community Room at 345 Church Street at 6 pm on Sunday, October 20.

Lea circulated copies of the new UAHC 'Inside Leadership' newsletter. Copies of available High Holiday sermons were mailed to those who requested them. Copies of the book called *A House in Order: Making Life's Final Preparations* were distributed and appreciated. The Va'ad recognized and thanked Irene Ogus and Alex Ingersoll in addition to the individuals listed on page 53 of the book.

The Va'ad unanimously approved 26 new members proposed by the Mem-

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Open Hand

CSZ will be leading the Jewish community in performing a great mitzvah this Christmas by volunteering at Project Open Hand, preparing and delivering meals to its clients in San Francisco and the East Bay.

Since 1988 CSZ members have joined with Jewish Children & Family Services to substitute for Project Open Hand's regular volunteers, enabling them to celebrate Christmas with their families. Project Open Hand provides hot meals seven days a week to 1,500 people living with symptomatic HIV/AIDS. This is a wonderful service that has benefited many CSZ members.

Your help is needed this year more than ever. We have 150 volunteer openings in food preparation, packaging and delivery (especially delivery!) on December 23, 24 and 25. This is an easy, rewarding way to be of service to the community; let us know by December 6 if you'll be able to join us. Please read the insert in this month's *Gaily Forward* for more information or call Stephan Howard (567-2886) or Virginia Donohue (282-2005).

Fiction

CSZ's Fiction Connection, our long-running book group, always welcomes new members. Once a month, we meet at a member's home or at a restaurant, and discuss a work of fiction which we had agreed to read during the previous month. Sometimes we disagree on how good a book had been, but we always have a good time!

November's choice is Michael Nava's "How Town," the third suspense novel by this award-winning writer. The story deals with a gay lawyer's attempts to clear his client who has been charged with the murder of a pornographer.

For more details about the Fiction Connection, please call Mark Mackler at 826-8733.

Watch for chant!

Want to learn trope? Chant Torah? Haftarah? CSZ will be offering a *free* trope (cantillation) class beginning in January. Check the December *Gaily Forward* for details.

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Please join with the Brotherhood and the Women's Chavurah in thanking the following people for giving the gift of life. These members of our community donated blood, time or support at the annual CSZ High Holiday Blood Drive on September 21:

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Potluck

President David Stein and his partner Alex Ingersoll will host a potluck for new members from 5-7 pm on Sunday, November 10, in the community room of their home at 345 Church St. All members are urged to come and welcome the new members to the CSZ family.

RSVP to Sara Haber (621-1248) or Larry Wexler (510/523-6775), letting them know how many are in your party and what you are bringing. That special dish should be enough for six people.

HIV + Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month. Mark your calendars: **Saturday, November 16 at 3 pm:** Support Group at CSZ, followed by a catered dinner party at 5:30 pm. Support groups are facilitated by Robert Tat. You may attend either or both events. If you would like to attend the dinner, RSVP to the office by Tuesday, November 12. If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us.

The High Holiday Volunteer Effort

It takes a great many volunteers to make our High Holiday Services happen smoothly. Following (in no particular order) is a list of people who deserve our heartfelt thanks for all their efforts on our behalf:

Jonathan Funk, Ora Prochovnick, Tielia Chalmers, Dev Felder Noily, Lolma Olson, Drew Parker, Ron Lezell, Neil Grungras, Richard Sinkoff, Diana Buchbinder, Lisa Katz, Joe Hample, Stephan Howard, Deborah Udin, David Couch, Paul Cohen, Barak Gale, Debby Gelber, Lyssa Friedman, Phyllis Mintzer, Judy Schwartz, Brian Besser, Johanna Ceapach Choinn, Allan Berenstein, Martha Rossett, Nicole Bloom, Daniel Chesir, Larry Wexler, Steve Weitz, Eileen Levy, Susan Unger, Jose Luis Moscovich, Frank Yellin, Kathy Simon, Sara Haber, Steven Levine, Gordon Osser, Mike Rankin, Mark Klaiman, Batya Kalis, Rachael MacLachlan, Mike Zimmerman, Ira Hirschfield, Nancy Wecker, Stephen Hauptman, Trudi Chamoff Hauptman, Greer Lindsey Hauptman, Ron Miguel, Julie Moed, Ellie Cohen, Greta Miskatel, Alan Michaels, Laureen Kim, Sandy O'Neill, Martha Lubitz, Ida and Evan Kuluk, Steve Elman, Dori Ehrlich, Lezlie Frishman, Jonathan Goldman, Eric Temple, Rafael Klouczensky, Michael Schwartz, Andrew Schwartz, Judith Green, Simon Glinsky, Lynne Portnoy, Margaret Rossoff, Forrest Kincade, Mike Siani, Susan Stahl, Scott Wenders, Michael Chertok, Arthur Slepian, Ann Daniels, Jonathan Zingman, Judith Cohen, Nancy Silverrod, Michael Shaps, Sarita Groisser, Deborah Pardes, Susan Ackerman, Emma Buchbinder, Aaron Buchbinder, Howard Steierman, Randy Weiss, Robert Schwartz, Bon Brown, Nina Wouk, Ruby Cymrot-Wu, Eloise Magenheimer, Shirley Liberman, Lucy Cefalu, Arlene Singer, Barbara Leff, Steven Levine, David Stein, Alex Ingersoll.

If your name was omitted we apologize; it was not done intentionally.

Naches

Neil Hart, on winning numerous medals at the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Swim Meet in Washington, D.C.

Susan Jacobson, on her new book, *Getting the Public School You Want*.



Ora Prochovnick and Nicole Bloom, service leaders. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Chanukah 1996

With the completion of the Sukkot Festival, Chanukah is the next holiday on the Jewish calendar. This year we light the first Chanukah candle on the night of December 5. Sha'ar Zahav will be celebrating Chanukah in a new and haimish fashion this year. Since Chanukah is traditionally a holiday centered in the home, we have the perfect opportunity this year to celebrate as a community in each others' homes. As an alternative to our large congregational Chanukah party, we will be having open houses on the Saturday and Sunday evening of Chanukah week.

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Birthdays

- 1 Steven Polsky
- 3 Elaine Porter
- 3 Benjamin Ritzma Portman
- 4 Matricia Person
- 5 Seth Frohman
- 5 Eric Weiss
- 6 Ruby Gold
- 8 Dutch Maas-Mikuls
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- 29 Nina Kaiser
- 29 Mark Vogel
- 29 Hal Podgur

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Chanukah open houses will enable members who joined recently as well as seasoned folks to get to know each other in the warm settings of our members' homes. A kitchen filled with the aroma of Chanukah treats frying in hot oil provides a smaller and more intimate way for people to meet and celebrate with other members of the CSZ family. We will act as the matchmakers by assigning each guest to a specific home. Our plan for this year's Chanukah celebration is the beginning of a new type of programming for Sha'ar Zahavniks within each of our communities in the City, East Bay, North Bay and the Peninsula.

In order for this event to be possible, we will need people to volunteer their homes. Hosts will not be expected to do all the work alone for their open house. They will receive Chanukah packets with recipes, prayers, candles, dreidels, etc. as well as plenty of support from the program coordinator. We also need your ideas, old family traditions, and volunteer help. Please call Renée Bauer at the office (861-6932) if want to volunteer your home, your time or just share your ideas.

Please see the enclosed flier for more details and to sign up to participate!

E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:
shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained 26 new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Chris Arrigale & Keri Baum

Geoff Benjamin (welcome back!)

Donald Berger (welcome back!)

Jonah Disend

Robert Dobrow

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Morning Minyan Discontinued

The Friday morning minyan has been discontinued for lack of participation. If there are members interested in starting a morning minyan in the future, please contact the office to state your interest.



Rabbinic intern Michael Latz. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



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Many of those we visit are not in general contact with the Jewish community, so we try to bring some of the fun and holiday spirit to them.

Friendly pets and young children are welcome additions to the party-like atmosphere we try to create.

Call Florence Nacamulli (255-6450) or Eli Weinstein (861-8125) for further information.

House in Order Manual

A new manual designed to guide CSZ members through life's final preparations will be distributed soon to each adult member. Entitled "A House in Order," the new workbook is meant to prepare, educate and guide members through the time of final illness, death and mourning. It is the product of years of work by the Bikkur Cholim Committee.

The book discusses: Saying Goodbye, the Ethical Will, Jewish Practices and Traditions Regarding Funerals and Mourning, CSZ's Cemetery, Life Data and Legal Information. It also gives practical advice on what each person should write down in the workbook section to help survivors carry out their final wishes. The book will enable each member to make informed decisions and plans for his/her own final preparations or those of a loved one.

Additional copies for family or friends may be obtained by using the order form in the back of the manual.

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Onegs

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent months:

- 8/16 **Rivka Kashtan**, in honor of the wedding of Kathy Simon and Inbal Kashtan
8/30 **Sue Bojdak and Debbie Yates**, in honor of their wedding
9/6 **Eli Weinstein**, in honor of the visit of Byron and Bette Jo Weinstein
9/27 **John Atteridg**, in honor of the visit of his parents, Paul and Louise Atteridg
10/25 **An anonymous couple**, in honor of the 9th anniversary of their kiddushin

President

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growing from the experience and knowledge she brings.

Renée Bauer—Program Coordinator — Renée comes to us as a graduate of Brown University and will take over the position of program coordinator. In addition to her commitment to this 15 hour a week position at Sha'ar Zahav, Renée also holds the position of Assistant Program Coordinator for Congregation Sherith Israel. Renée will be responsible for coordinating programs such as Chanukah, Purim, Tot Shabbats and a reenactment of last year's hugely popular Pre-Pride Parade Party. Expect to hear from Renée as she solicits volunteers.

Phyllis Mintzer — Head Teacher — Phyllis is known to all of us as our beloved Kadimah principal. She has been a committed part of our religious education program since 1989 and a Jewish educator for more than 30 years. This year Phyllis will be expanding her role beyond Kadimah into all aspects, and ages, of educational programming. In addition to being the teacher of our B'nai mitzvah Kadimah students, Phyllis will be teaching a number of adult education courses. For those of you who know Phyllis, she requires no introduction; for those who have not yet been exposed to her wisdom and love of Jewish life, I beg you to take a class and see what you have been missing.

This is an impressive list, added to an already superb group, and each will enrich our congregational lives through their contributions. I look forward to working with all of them and hope that you will take the time to introduce yourself to them, make them feel welcome, attend their classes and, especially in the case of Renée, say yes to all volunteer opportunities you are offered.

Va'ad

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bership Committee. (Their names appear elsewhere in the *Forward*.)

Eric Temple was appointed to the Dues Committee. The Va'ad also acknowledged and thanked the many committee chairs and individuals who worked so hard to create beautiful High Holidays for all of us.



Ensemble leader Jose Luis Moscovich and service leader Susan Unger. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Members' Yahrzeits

We recall the anniversaries of the deaths of CSZ members.

7	Donald Albert
11	Bruce Apter
11	Sidney Rosenthal
22	Tristano Palermino

Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Allan Gold, on the death of his mother, Dorothy Tonn Gold.

Alex Ingersoll, on the death of his mother, Viola Ingersoll.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, on the

death of their friend, Beatrice Golden.

Ellen Lewin, on the death of her mother, Fannie Lewin.

Angel O'Neal, on the death of his friend, Robert Royal.

Eli Weinstein, on the death of his friend, Reid Crosier.

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- 6 Jim Edlin & Eve Meyer
- 7 Jay Davidson & Tom Hartland
- 8 Michael Bettinger & Bob Goldstein
- 14 Drew Parker & Mike Siani
- 17 Lisa Katz & Sharon Heath
- 17 Elizabeth & Michael Schaffer
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Volunteer for the
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Call Rose (285-4819).

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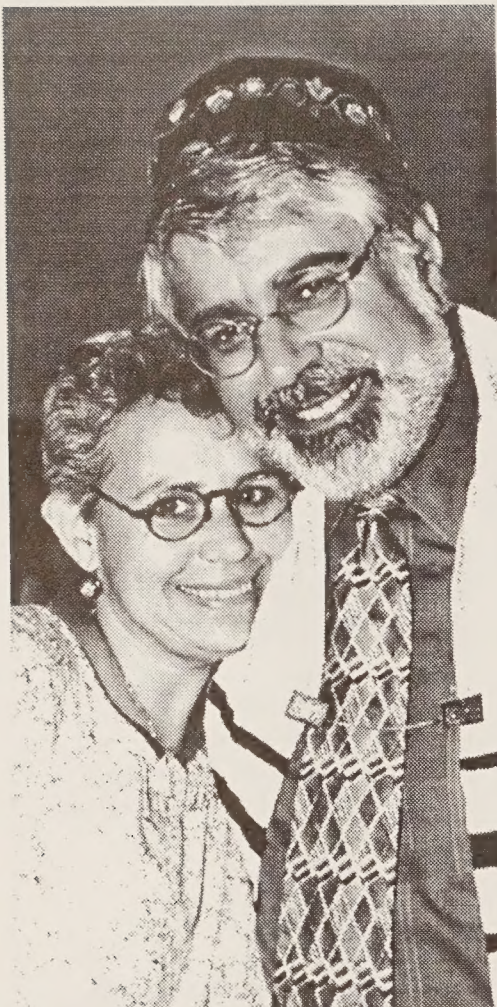
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Synagogue Information



President David Stein and Administrative Vice-President Diana Buchbinder. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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HOUSE/DOG SITTER WANTED. Looking for people interested in getting called as the need arises. What you get: a chance to stay in a Victorian house right in the Castro, time away from roommates, free laundry, the companionship of a friendly dog. What we get: peace of mind. Call Tiela or Nancy: 431-4312.

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SUBLET OR HOUSESIT WANTED. Congregation members have friend visting mid-January through mid-April. Utterly responsible. Looking for a warm, quiet place to stay for all or part of the time. SF or East Bay. Call Rena or Ora (334-2134).

Officers:

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Volunteer Coordinator, open
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Women's Chavurah, open

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second

Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

1 Friday 19 Heshvan

- 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat service, Tiela Chalmers
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat Vayera: Johanna Ceapach Choinn, and Ruth Schoenbach, sermon by Barak Gale

2 Saturday 20 Heshvan

- 9:30 am, Kadimah-H

3 Sunday 21 Heshvan

- 10 am, Kadimah-Nitz

4 Monday 22 Heshvan

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, Children's Education Board in Library

5 Tuesday 23 Heshvan

6 Wednesday 24 Heshvan

- 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew

7 Thursday 25 Heshvan

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

8 Friday 26 Heshvan

- 7:15 pm, Niggun service, Johanna Ceapach Choinn
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat Chayei Sarah: Brian Besser and Daniel Chesir, sermon by Rabbi Lisa Edwards

9 Saturday 27 Heshvan

- 9:30 am, Kadimah-CH
- 10 am, Shabbat morning service, Frank Yellin, Tiela Chalmers, Greer Hauptman
- 3 pm, Presentation and discussion, Tracy Moore

10 Sunday 28 Heshvan

- 5 pm, New member potluck

11 Monday 29 Heshvan

- Veterans' Day**
- 6:30 pm, Va'ad

12 Tuesday 1 Kislev

13 Wednesday 2 Kislev

- 7 pm, Newsletter editing
- 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew

14 Thursday 3 Kislev

15 Friday 4 Kislev

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat Toledoth: Nicole Bloom and Lyssa Friedman
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service, Larry Wexler and friends

16 Saturday 5 Kislev

- 9:30 am, Kadimah-H
- 12 noon, Kadimah
- 3 pm, HIV+ support
- 5 pm, HIV+ group dinner

17 Sunday 6 Kislev

- 10 am, Kadimah Nitz
- 12:30 pm, Workshop for Couples

18 Monday 7 Kislev

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout and proofing

19 Tuesday 8 Kislev

- 7 pm, Membership Committee

20 Wednesday 9 Kislev

- 7 pm, Introduction to Prayerbook Hebrew

21 Thursday 10 Kislev

- 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim

22 Friday 11 Kislev

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat Vayetze: Batya Kalis, Barak Gale and Greer Hauptman

23 Saturday 12 Kislev

- 9:30 am, Kadimah Ch

24 Sunday 13 Kislev

25 Monday 14 Kislev

26 Tuesday 15 Kislev

27 Wednesday 16 Kislev

28 Thursday 17 Kislev

Thanksgiving

29 Friday 18 Kislev

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat Vayishlach: Ora Prochovnick, Debby Gelber, Brian Besser reading Torah

30 Saturday 19 Kislev

- No Kadimah

DECEMBER FORWARD DEADLINES

FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or froslyn@aol.com). To place a classified ad, call the office.

FOR ARTICLES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Please submit articles both on 3½-inch disk and hard copy on paper *double spaced*. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. *No deadline extensions without advance permission from the editorial coordinator (821-3855 or Bkalis@aol.com).*

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11/15 Ed Tanovitz, 1612 E. 38th St., Oakland (510/482-4825)

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The Jewish Community Joins Forces To Help Project Open Hand

Join Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the AIDS Project of Jewish Family and Children's Services, and our friends in the Bay Area Jewish community on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for a few hours of performing a wonderful mitzvah.

We will be preparing and delivering meals for Project Open Hand's clients, people with AIDS.

There are 150 volunteer slots this year in San Francisco and the East Bay.

To volunteer for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day you must sign up by December 6 to participate in this rewarding volunteer effort. Please complete this form and make a copy for yourself.

To volunteer in San Francisco, return the form to:

**Stephan Howard
22 Terra Vista Avenue #D1
San Francisco, CA 94115
567-2886**

To volunteer in the East Bay, return the form to:

**Pat Curran
Project Open Hand
4700 Telegraph Ave.
Oakland, CA 94609
510/596-8200**

Feel free to call Stephan or Pat with any questions or to sign up by phone if this form will not arrive by December 6.

Please print clearly

Adult(s): _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Car? _____

Deliveries are done by teams of at least two adults.

If you don't have a car, we will pair you with a driver.

How did you hear about this project? _____

Shift Availability

*Please check **all** shifts for which you are available.*

Can you do more than one shift? _____

How many? _____ Same day? _____ Different days? _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
San Francisco			
Food preparation: 8:30am – Noon	No shift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food packaging: Noon – 3:30pm	No shift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver meals: See below*	No shift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food preparation: 5 – 8 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No shift

East Bay

Deliver meals: See below* No shift No shift ☐

**Meal delivery routes take approximately two hours to complete.*

You must arrive no earlier than 3:30 pm and no later than 4:30 pm.

Orientation Sessions

All meal delivery volunteers must be oriented before beginning their routes. Ongoing orientation sessions will be given at Project Open Hand's offices on both December 24 and 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Please allow at least 10 minutes extra for your training.

Confirmations

Please do not show up at Project Open Hand's offices unless you have received a written or phone confirmation from Virginia Donohue (282-2005) or Pat (approximately one week before Christmas).

Other Holiday Opportunities

If you would like to know how you can help at other times during the holiday season (the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years'), please call Marilyn at Project Open Hand San Francisco (252-2731). For the East Bay, call Pat (510/596-8200).

CHANUKAH AT HOME

WHY IS THIS YEAR DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER YEAR?

BECAUSE SHA'AR ZAHAV IS CELEBRATING CHANUKAH AT HOME!

On the third and fourth nights of Chanukah:
Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Sha'ar Zahav members will be hosting Chanukah parties in their homes
for other Sha'ar Zahavniks.



Please fill out the attached form and send it back to the synagogue by **November 15:**

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav/Attention: Renée Bauer

220 Danvers Street/ San Francisco, CA 94114

In order for everyone to meet new people, we will match people to a specific home
based on the information you fill out.

YES, I WANT TO GO TO A CHANUKAH PARTY HELD BY A CSZ MEMBER!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

Do you have kids?

How Many?

Their ages:

Do you prefer going to a party in your neighborhood?

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yes

☐

It doesn't matter

Are you interested in going to a party with other

☐

singles

☐

couples

☐

families with kids

☐

no preference

I want to volunteer my home for a Chanukah party ☐.

I want to help out! __Bring food, __lead songs, __pre-event preparation
__other:

